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LCA COMMENTS ON ER 413

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The Latino Civic Alliance ---LCA, supports mechanisms that protect immigrants from racial, and ethnic discrimination to assure fair and equal access to courts proceedings.

LCA also supports ER 413 will remove unnecessary insertions of non-relevant immigration status information to the investigative process. LCA believes ER 413 will provide Investigators, and fact finders a reference to avoid making decisions based on non-relevant immigration status.

LCA believes immigrants to have the right to have sensitive information sealed and protected when appropriate. ER 413 will provide judges with a guide to grant protection orders to immigrants.

LCA also believes ER 413 will provide immigrants a fair access to the criminal justice system, by respecting their immigration status, protecting sensitive information, and focusing on relevant information in the investigative process.

Thank you for your attention,

Gabriel Portugal, LCA Tri-Cities Board Member